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Reply To : HPR-ID

Mr. Scott Stokes, Acting Director
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Attention: Matthew Moore

RE: 2009 STIP Amendment #20

Dear Mr. Stokes:

This is reply to your December 11, 2009 letter requesting FHWA approval to amend Idaho's 2009 STIP as follows:

- Key #12200: US-26, MP 373.6, S. Fork Snake River Bridge, Swan Valley, D-6.
- Key #12201: I-15 NBL, MP127.5-135.2, Osgood to Roberts, D-6.

Because the projects affected by this action are neither intermodal in nature nor of consequence to the State's conformity process, FHWA has sole approval authority on this requested change.

With respect to the details of the request, I find that:

1. The proposed changes involve projects which qualify for grouped status per 23 CFR 450.324(f); therefore, no further public involvement is necessary.
2. The affected projects are either located outside of the State's air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas and/or are exempt from air quality conformity; therefore, Federal air quality conformity regulations do not apply.
3. The proposed amendment is based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450.

In consideration of the above, STIP Amendment #20 is approved as requested.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

R. Scott Frey
Transportation Engineer

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